

Grade
1

Holidays & Symbols

Lesson
3

Enduring Understanding

People honor their state and nation through celebrations of leaders, state and national symbols and holidays.

Essential Questions

What is the importance of symbols?

What national symbols represent American democracy?

What state symbols represent the state of Arkansas?

Why do you think these national and state symbols were chosen?

What people and events influenced the creation and observance of national events and holidays?

Students shall be able to:

C.5.1.1 — Identify and discuss national symbols that represent American democracy

- *American Flag*
- *Bald Eagle*
- *Statue of Liberty*
- *White House*
- *United States Constitution*

H.6.1.1 — Identify people and events observed in national celebrations and holidays.

- *Labor Day*
- *Veterans Day*
- *Thanksgiving*
- *Columbus Day*
- *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
- *Presidents' Day*
- *Independence Day*
- *Constitution Day*

H.6.1.2 — Identify the following Arkansas state symbols

- *Flower*
- *Bird*
- *Fruit/Vegetable*
- *Folk Dance*
- *Instrument*

Materials Needed/Attachments

- *art supplies*

Attachment 1: National symbols

Attachment 2: State symbols: flower, bird, fruit/vegetable, folk dance, instrument

Vocabulary

<i>democracy</i>	<i>folk dance</i>	<i>holiday</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>veteran</i>
<i>independence</i>	<i>celebration</i>	<i>Governor</i>	<i>Columbus</i>	<i>Constitution</i>
<i>leader</i>	<i>symbol</i>	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>		<i>memorial</i>

Teaching Strategies

1. Make a National Holidays class scrapbook, album or collaborative class book (each child illustrates and authors one page) identifying people and events associated with the holidays.
2. Identify national symbols and categorize them according to the holiday they match. (*Attachment 1*). Identify state symbols (*Attachment 2*). Complete this activity in whole group, small group or center activity.
3. Collaborate with the music or PE teacher and have students learn to folk dance. Invite a guest musician or secure a CD to accompany the students. (Contact the Historic Arkansas Museum, the Ozark Folk Center, the Department of Arkansas Heritage, AETN or your local university to locate musicians.)

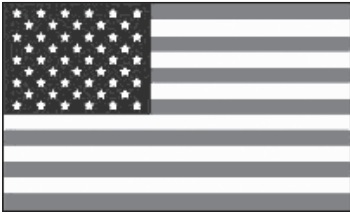
Assessments/Rubrics

Teacher-created rubric for National Holidays book activity.

Teacher observation of student participation and involvement.

National Symbols

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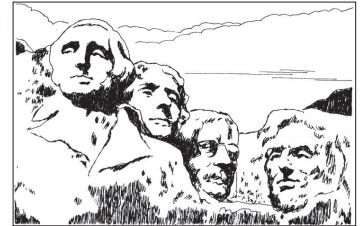
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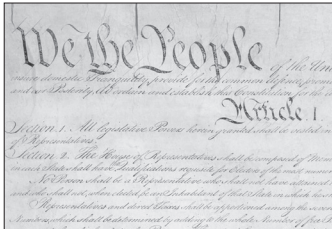
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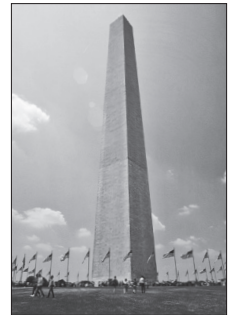
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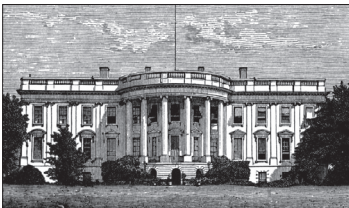
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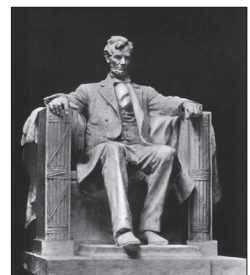
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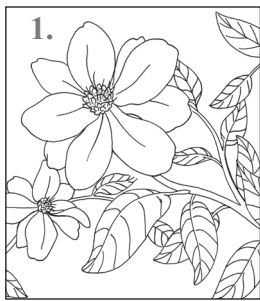
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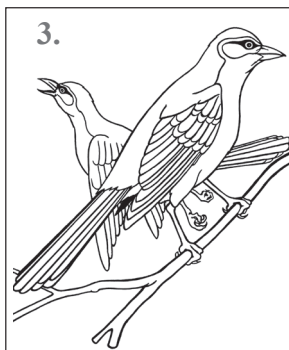
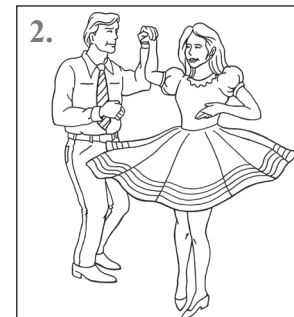


State Symbols



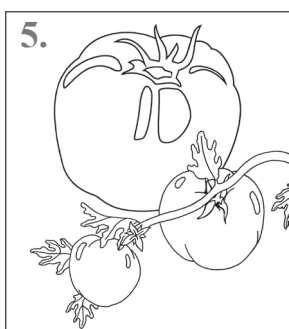
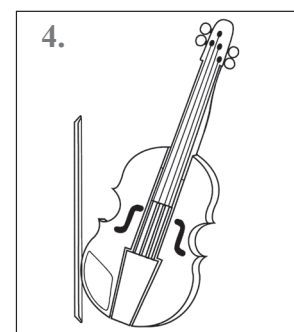
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